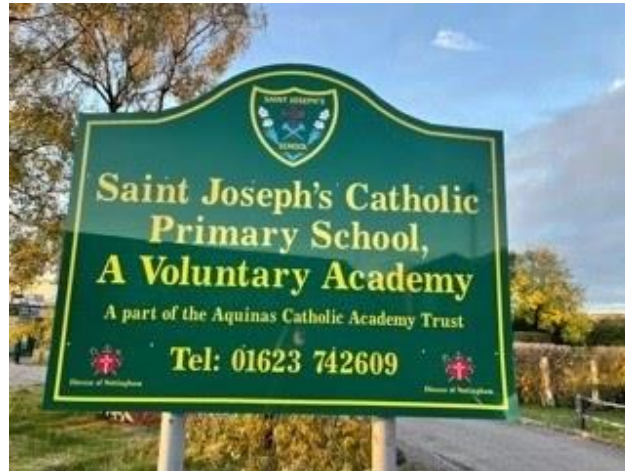


Friday 24th March

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

NEWSLETTER



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Attendance

The whole school attendance this up week and is **94.8%**

Reception Class - 92.7%

Year One- 98.3%

Year Two - 98%

Year Three- 94.6%

Year Four- 97.5%

Year Five- 92.8%

Year Six- 91.3%

Well done to year 1 who have won our attendance award this week! Amazing achievement children! Attendance has improved this week in Reception and year 2 this week! Well done!

We will be congratulating those children with 97% and above and most improved attendance in the last week of term. Invites for children have been sent out to parents this week. In addition, there will be a special reward for any children with 100% attendance this term.

Easter Activities and Upcoming Dates

We are coming to the close of a very busy term. In the coming week we have lots of exciting opportunities and activities for our children.

Wednesday 29th March- Attendance Reward non uniform day. Parents will have received an email inviting children to attend in non uniform on this day.

Thursday 30th March- Easter Bonnet Competition for all classes. Children are all invited to make an Easter Bonnet and bring it into school. Two prizes for each class will be awarded to the most creative bonnets.

Thursday 30th March- Easter Egg Raffle. We would appreciate any donations of Easter Eggs. Raffle tickets are now on sale in Arbor!

Friday 31st March - Easter Presentation at 2pm. Children in Key Stage Two will present the events of Holy Week to help prepare us during our Lenten journey. All parents are welcome.

Free Breakfast Club

As a school, we are very aware that the cost of living is continuing to rise. In an attempt to support our families with this, we are trialing a FREE breakfast club after the Easter Holidays. All children are invited to attend the breakfast club free of charge from 7:30-8:30 each morning. Children can arrive at any time within this window to have breakfast and play with a range of available activities. We are hoping that this will support our parents and will allow more children to take advantage of this opportunity to eat and socialise before school. This trial will run until we break up for the summer holidays in July.

Parent Voice

We value our parent voice in school and are always looking for the views of our parents so that we can further develop our school for our pupils. Please complete the survey below to share your views.

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We will display the findings on the display in our school entrance.

Thank you.

Forest School



Next week, on Monday 27th March, we are excited to welcome Parents and Toddlers along with our Nursery Class parents to visit our Forest School with their children at 2:15pm. Please make sure that you have suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

We are delighted that we are able to continue this offer after the Easter break. Dates for parent forest school session for next term will be sent out next week.

Children's Achievements



Amazing work Archie in Reception who was man of the match at football!

Excellent work Max in year 6 who was awarded his purple belt in karate this week.

Well done to Foxx in year 2 who achieved his Brown/White Belt in Kickboxing at the weekend.

Congratulations to Grayson in year 1 who was awarded his purple belt in karate this week.

We love celebrating your child's out of school achievements! Please make sure you share these with school so that we can publish them in our newsletter.

Over and Above Behaviour

We are always looking at how we can reward over and above behaviour in school!

This week we celebrated the behaviour of our amazing children across school at our Hot Chocolate Friday time!

Nursery Nikodem

Reception - Olivia

Year 1 Filip

Year 2 Erin

Year 3 Wiktoria K

Year 4 Freya

Year 5 Abi

Year 6 Seth

FOSJ Entertainer

Next Thursday, 30th March, we will be hosting a Super Sparkle Party from 3:30-5pm. This will be an interactive party experience packed with fun activities, comedy and music. There will be a tuck shop for children to buy sweets, crisps and drinks, so please send small change with your child to school on that day. Tickets for the event are available to buy on Arbor now!

Reading café



We are delighted to announce that we will be continuing our weekly reading café for our parents and children in school. This is an opportunity to get together, enjoy some delicious refreshments and read with your child! The sessions will run from 8:45- 9:20am in the school hall. We cannot wait to welcome our parents into school and promote the love of reading to all of our children. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits for all adults and the opportunity to purchase a bacon or sausage cob from our kitchen!

Friday 31st March – Year Two

Friday 21st April – Year Three

Friday 28th April – Year Four

Friday 5th May – Year Five

Friday 19th May – Nursery

Year 6 reading cafe has been rescheduled for Friday 26th May

School Facebook Page



A reminder that we have launched our school Facebook page. We have been adding updates of children's work and news for parents onto the page regularly. Please follow us at 'St Joseph's Shirebrook' to keep up to date with our latest class news and school events.

Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is 'Sacrifice'. Year 6 class have produced a wonderful video to aid us in our reflection as we continue on our Lenten journey.

All Saints School Performance

We are fortunate to have wonderful links with All Saints Secondary School in Mansfield. Our year 5 pupils have been invited to attend their performance of Matilda on 29th March. We have arranged for a coach to collect the children and take them to All Saints for the morning.

First Holy Communion



We continue to pray for our children who are preparing to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We also pray for those children across our Parish at St Philip's and St Patrick's Schools.

Well done to our children who made their first confession this week.

0-2 year old Parent and Baby Group

We are really excited to announce that after the Easter holidays we will be hosting an under 2s parent and baby group in school. Sunshine's Baby Group will begin a weekly session for parents and 0-2 year old children each **Wednesday from 9:30-10:30am**. This is an amazing opportunity for parents to have a cup of tea and a chat while their little ones play! More information will be sent out to all parents next week.

Parish News

A reminder that Mass at St. Joseph's is on Saturday evening at 5.00pm. We can't wait to see you all at Children's Liturgy Group.

Parishioners and parents are now welcome to join our class Masses which are held in church each Tuesday at 9:10am linked to the theme of our Word of the Week.